Homes in Residential colonies in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B, SHAN-K ARAN AMD); (a) and (by Yes, Sii. Delhi Administration have reported that the proposal is being examined in consultation with the Delhi Development Authority.

Blood Banks

2731. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a significant number of Blood Banks are run by profit making institutions; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken ,to set up HIV testing Centres in Metro Cities, Capitals of S:ates and major populated towns to ensure Blood Safety in details?

(HE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To facilitate testing for HIV the Government have established 180 Zonal Blood Testing Centres in all major cities and have also covered all the blood bank$_s$ both in public and private sectoi by providing linkages with these Centres.

Sense of AIDS crisis hard to sustain

2732. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO;
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI RAMJI LAL;

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the 'Times of India, dated 29th December, 1992, captioned. "Sense of AIDS crisis hard to sustain";

(b) whether Government have alerted people living in rural areas about AIDS;

(c) the number of AIDS cases that have come to the notice of Government in 1992-93 and upto 31st January 1993 all over the country; and

(d) the effective steps being contemplated for prevention of AIDS cases the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN KARAN AND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Generation of awareness about AIDS has been taken up on a country wide basis.

(c) As on 31st January, 1993 there were 11,406 HIV positive cases including 307 full-blown AIDS Cases out of 15,97,207 persons screened.

(d) During the 8th plan period, with the assistance from World Bank and World Health Organisation, Government have taken up a comprehensive programme all over the country to prevent the spread of HIV infection.

Financial Aid to Escorts Hospital in Delhi

2733. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides aid to the Escorts Hospital in Delhi in any form; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the land lor the site on which it is erected was also given allo-ted as charitable endowment to the Hospital;

(c) if si), the details thereof; and

(d) what concession/facility is offered to the poor patients by the Hospital?